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Re: 0110300003 – Bureau County
New Jersey Zinc/Mobil Chemical
Superfund/Technical Reports

Operable Unit 2 – Phosphogypsum Stack Area

Dear Mr. Grapski and Mr. Reyes:

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) has reviewed the *Final Revised Closure Plan* dated and received February 7, 2017, via download. The *Revised Final Closure Plan* (FCP) was prepared by Enercon on behalf of the DePue Group. This revised plan incorporates the DePue Group's responses to previous Illinois EPA comments and was provided for purposes of verifying that revisions made are acceptable to Illinois EPA before finalizing.

Illinois EPA approves the February 7, 2017 *Final Revised Closure Plan* and requests three hard copies and six (additional) discs with the full report, including all tables, figures, and appendices are provided.

Illinois EPA notes a statement within the Closure Plan indicating that elevated levels of manganese and iron may be naturally occurring. Illinois EPA acknowledges this *may* be the case, but encourages the DePue Group to develop an area background dataset for groundwater which would confirm this, as well as establish background concentrations for other analytes. Such data could be useful in informing later decision making for both OU2 and OU3, the former plant site.

Illinois EPA acknowledges the Final Closure Plan is a large document that may require time to reproduce. Please contact me at 217-785-2891 or at Charlene.Falco@illinois.gov to discuss an anticipated submittal date.

Sincerely,



Charlene Falco
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Federal Site Remediation Section

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